



August
2014

Calhoun County Connections



166th Calhoun County Fair

Enjoy the rides, food, 4H and animal exhibits,
concerts, parade, grandstand entertainment
and much, much more.

Call 269-781-8161 or visit
www.calhouncountyyfair.org.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

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Gate Admission Prices

Gates open at 8:00 a.m. each day

Saturday through Saturday

9 years & under FREE

Saturday Free

Sunday – Saturday \$6.00

Season Pass \$25.00

4-H Leader's Pass \$20.00

Parking FREE

Ride Times

Sunday, Aug. 10th 5pm - close

Monday/ Wednesday 2pm—close

Tuesday/Thursday 11am - close

Friday/ Saturday 12pm - close

Ride Wristbands may be purchased
when available and there is a Carnival
MegaPass for \$60.00 for Unlimited
Rides, All Week



Grandstand Events Include:

Monday, August 11th: Truck Pulls

Tuesday, August 12th: Tractor Pulls

Wednesday, August 13th: Enduro Race

Thursday, August 14th: SJO Motocross

Friday, August 15th: W Mich Mud Runs

Saturday, August 16th: Demo Derby



Calhoun County Senior Services Hosts a Retirement Planning Seminar

A Living Trust Education Initiative, Avoiding Estate Planning Mistakes on Wednesday, August 6th at 6:30PM at the County Building in Marshall, 315 W. Green Street. This FREE informal Seminar will include welcoming remarks by a representative of the Calhoun County Elder Abuse Prevention Coalition, and legal presentations "Who should you trust" and "Avoiding planning mistakes" by Brett Cummings and Michael Dombos of Kalamazoo, representing the MI State Bar. Those attending will receive a resource package containing essential estate planning information and other materials for effective estate planning, and avoiding annuity insurance scams. Free boxed light meal for those who RSVP by August 4, by calling Calhoun County Senior Services at 269-781-0846.

This seminar is FREE! Don't miss this opportunity to become informed! It is also available at 12:30PM the same day at Burnham Brook in Battle Creek, hosted by Region 3B Area Agency on Aging.

To register for that session call the AAA at 269-966-2450. For additional information about these sessions contact Amy Emmons with the State Bar of Michigan, Professional Standards Division at (517) 346-6343 or via e-mail at aemmons@mail.michbar.org.



FreshStart Smoking & Tobacco Cessation Program

American Cancer Society's Freshstart smoking cessation program is a behavioral modification program to assist and prepare those persons who desire to quit tobacco use. The class is delivered over four separate sessions in a two week period. Each class has a topic and focus for discussion. Participants should be prepared to complete assignments related to the process of cessation. Group discussion will focus on assignments and topics presented. The following are the titles for each class: Session 1- Understanding Why You Have an Addiction and How to Quit, Session 2- Mastering the First Few Days, Session 3-Mastering Obstacles, and Session 4- Staying Quit and Enjoying it Forever.



Class dates for this fall's FreshStart smoking cessation program are October 7th, 9th, 14th and 16th. The classes are held in the BBC Cancer Care conference room from 5:30-7:00pm. Enroll on-line at [Bronson Healthcare | FreshStart Tobacco Cessation Program Oct 7, 2014](#)



Scrap Tire Collection Announced-Battle Creek

Saturday, August 02, 2014 from 9am – Noon

Pennfield Township at 20260 Capital Avenue NE, Battle Creek, US-MI , 49017

Calhoun County received funding from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Scrap Tire Cleanup Program to hold three scrap tire collections in 2014 through a grant submitted by the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium. The grant of \$18,000 will be split among the counties represented by the Southwest Michigan Solid Waste Consortium. Calhoun County will receive \$3,000 which covers the collection of three trailer loads of tires.

The free Calhoun County tire collection is open to Calhoun County residents only. No tires will be accepted from businesses. All rims must be removed from the tires. Once the tire trailer is filled at each collection, the collection will end. We are unable, due to cost, to collect more than one trailer full of tires from each of the collection sites.

NOTE: Hauling more than seven tires per vehicle requires a tire hauling license.

Court Employee Training Program

From the Judicial Council Training Committee:

Sue Bachman, Cindy Rude, Karen Snyder, Toni Underwood

The second session of the Judicial Council Court Employee Training was held on June 3rd and June 26th. The training was available to all court staff but was specifically targeted for newer Court and County Clerk employees. The topic for this training session was “**Accessing Michigan Courts.**”

There was an overview of the three branches of government; Executive, Legislative and Judicial; and then more detail about the Michigan Supreme Court, Michigan Court of Appeals, Court of Claims, Circuit Court, Family Division of Circuit Court, District Court, Municipal Court, and Probate Court. The goal of the training was to identify proper court jurisdiction (the authority to hear particular types of cases) and to explain proper venue (geographic location) so court employees would be able to direct customers to the correct court location.

The following information was also shared:

Michigan Supreme Court has 7 Justices and reviews the Appellate Court decisions.

Michigan Court of Appeals has 28 Judges and handles appeals from Circuit and Probate Courts.

Court of Claims handles law suits against the State of Michigan.

Circuit Court handles appeal cases from District Court, Probate Court and from administrative agencies, civil cases over \$25,000, criminal felony and serious misdemeanor cases.

Family Division of Circuit Court handles domestic (divorce, paternity, custody, support) cases, personal protection orders, name changes, emancipations, adoptions, parental waivers, ancillary guardianships, juvenile delinquency cases, and child protective proceedings.

District Court handles small claims cases, landlord tenant cases, civil cases under \$25,000, land contract foreclosures, traffic cita-

tions, non-traffic citations, misdemeanor criminal cases, and all criminal preliminary examinations.

Municipal Court handles civil cases up to \$1,500 or up to \$3,000 if authorized. There are only five municipal courts in the State of Michigan.

Probate Court handles wills, estates and trusts, mental health cases, developmentally disabled cases, guardianship cases and conservatorship cases.

Karen Snyder was the facilitator of “Accessing Michigan Courts” which was well attended. Each participant received a Certificate for attending.

The next training session will be an individualized “QuickKnowledge” computer format entitled “Taking Care of Yourself”. There will be several available modules from which to choose such as: Organizing Your Workspace, Managing Projects, Managing Your Workload, Stress Management, as well as several others. The employee may complete one or more modules as desired. Certificates of Completion will be issued. The training will be offered on a computer in a centralized location before the end of 2014.



August Happenings

"Mega Community Concert"

August 2, 1:30 PM to 11:30 PM
Cedar Creek Golf Club, Battle Creek

All proceeds will be split equally to benefit the Teri Elizabeth Christ Memorial Fund and for the medical rehabilitation care at the Eisenhower Medical Care Facility for Battle Creek 2 Iraq Tour wounded Iraq warrior Nick Avery. Several bands, including local musicians will be playing from mid afternoon into the night.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/249724548548270/>



Cereal City Triathlon

August 10, 8:00 AM to Noon
Willard Beach Park



Battle Creek's only Triathlon is being held at Willard Beach Park and will go around the Battle Creek area! There will be a post-race picnic with grilled food, ice cold finishers towel, and an awards ceremony.

<http://www.cerealcitytriathlon.com/event-info.html>



International Summerfest

August 09, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Mill Race Park

From traditional food and dancing to entertainment and art, experience the wide variety of cultures represented throughout the Battle Creek area. International Summerfest features performers such as belly dancers, marital arts masters, and much more! Contact: BC Festivals, 269.420.4031

Cruise the Gut

August 09, 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Downtown Battle Creek

An old fashioned cruise-in, Cruise the Gut, welcomes vintage car owners and car enthusiasts to downtown Battle Creek. Car owners proudly display their vehicles along Michigan Avenue before and after the evening cruise.

Contact: Calhoun County Visitors Bureau
info@battlecreekvisitors.org, 800.397.2240



2014 Cereal City Corporate Cup

Participants are still needed for tennis and tug-of-war events.

Please contact: Suzanna Warren (6746) if interested.

BONUS: All participants will receive a free 6 week membership to the Battle Creek Y through September 13.

August 5th and November 4th Elections

The Clerk/ROD website (www.co.calhoun.mi.us) is a great resource for candidates and electors alike. There you can find out if you are a registered voter, where you are registered, acquire a map to your polling location, how to contact your local clerk to request an absentee ballot, and even view your sample ballot!

Additional info.:

- Polls are open between 7a and 8p
- The 2 Judicial candidates receiving the largest number of votes will advance to the General election
- Precinct-by-precinct results will be available Election Night beginning shortly after the polls close



August 5th and November 4th, 2014 Elections

Governor: REP Rick Snyder; DEM Mark Schauer

US Senator: REP Terri Lynn Land; DEM Gary Peters

3rd District Representative in Congress: REP Justin Amash and Brian Ellis; DEM Bob Goodrich
... there will be a Republican Primary

19th District State Senator: REP Mike Nofs; DEM Greg Grieves

62nd State Representative: REP John Bizon and Art Kale; DEM Andy Helmboldt,
Dave Morgan and Terris Todd ... there will be a Primary for both parties

63rd State Representative: REP David C. Maturen and Vic Potter; DEM Bill Farmer ...
Republican Primary

1st District Court of Appeals: 3 incumbent candidates for 3 positions

37th Circuit Judge of Circuit Court Incumbent Partial Term: 1 position - Brian Kirkham

37th Circuit Judge of Circuit Court Non-incumbent: 1 position - James Dyer, Sarah Lincoln,
Eusebio Solis, Jr. ... there will be a Primary

10th District Judge of District Court Incumbent: 2 positions - John Hallacy and Franklin Line

County Commission:

1st District: uncontested REP Kathy Sue Dunn (Incumbent)

2nd District: REP Patrick O'Donnell; DEM Carla Reynolds (open Terris Todd seat)

3rd District: REP Bryan Smith; DEM Jim Haadsma (I)

4th District: REP Steve Frisbie (I); DEM Tabitha Mingus

5th District: uncontested REP Derek King (I)

6th District: uncontested REP Blaine VanSickle (I)

7th District: REP Michael Bearman; DEM Marcy Sacks (open Art Kale seat)

Filing deadline for August 5th Write-in candidates is July 25, 2014, 4:00 pm.

Filing deadline for candidates without party affiliation for Partisan offices is
July 17, 2014, 4:00 pm.

Filing deadline for November 4th Write-in candidates is October 24, 2014, 4:00 pm.

August Milestones

25 YEARS & Over

Robert Lawton ~ 40 yrs
Maintenance

Sandy Eis ~ 37 yrs
Juvenile Home

Hershel Stacy ~ 35 yrs
Road Department

Michon Jackson ~ 25 yrs
District Court

Heather Hampton ~ 25 yrs
Circuit Court

Bill Freeman ~ 25 yrs
Office of Sheriff

20 YEARS

Darnetta Dickinson
Clerk/ROD

Helen Langford
Circuit Court

15 YEARS

Tim Howell

Dan Ousley

Sheriff's Department

Pam Kline
Finance

Adam Saylor
Juvenile Home

10 YEARS

Kathleen Winnie
Circuit Court

5 YEARS

Charles Fisher
Jonathon Cermak
Office of Sheriff

Healthy August Picnic Recipes

Roasted Corn with Basil-Shallot Vinaigrette

Ingredients

- 3 cups fresh corn kernels
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1 tablespoon minced shallot
- 1 tablespoon red-wine vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- Freshly ground pepper, to taste

Directions:

Preheat oven to 450° F. Toss corn and oil to coat and spread out on a large baking sheet. Bake, stirring once, until some kernels begin to brown, about 20 minutes. Combine basil, shallot, vinegar, salt and pepper in a medium bowl. Add the corn; toss to coat. Serve warm or cold.



Grilled Pepper Salad

Ingredients

- 4 bell peppers, (mixed colors)
- 1/4 cup halved and pitted black olives
- 1/4 cup chopped sun-dried tomatoes
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/8 teaspoon salt

Directions:

Grill peppers on medium-high, turning once, until soft and charred in spots, about 5 minutes per side. When cool enough to handle, chop the peppers; toss with olives, sun-dried tomatoes, oil, vinegar and salt in a large bowl.



August New Hires

District Court
Judge Norlander
Steven Ouding

Treasurer's Office
Vera Prince

Health Department
Katherine Glomski

Office of Sheriff
Kelsey Campbell
Andrew Johnson
Paulino Hernandez Jr.
Tammy Richards

